

this legislation, get it done, get it to the President's desk as he has requested and as American workers need.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would again remind all Members to refrain from urging action or inaction by the Senate or characterizing Senate action or inaction.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, let me inquire about the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) has 3 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) has 8½ minutes remaining.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, we reserve the balance of our time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, what we are trying to accomplish today with the passage of this third stimulus package is to create jobs and help the unemployed. I have just recently read in our local Capitol Hill newspaper that Members from the majority party in the other body want stimulus. They are breaking with their party leadership in asking for stimulus legislation to pass because in their home States they have a lot of people who are losing their jobs. So what we are trying to accomplish today is to give one more chance at it, to give one more crack at it to try and do whatever we can to get Americans back to work, to help grow the economy.

Let us take a look at what is in this piece of legislation. We hear about all these impugned motives. We hear about all these bad consequences. What we are trying to accomplish is to pass the kinds of legislation that when they have passed in the past have grown the economy and gotten people back to work. We want to make it easier for employers to keep people employed. We want to make it easier for employers to invest in their businesses, to invest in their employees and hire people back to work. On top of it, for those people who have lost their jobs, we want to help them with their unemployment insurance and with health insurance.

The Senate failed to respond on these issues. I am sorry the other body, excuse me, Mr. Speaker, the other body failed to address the issue of getting people back to work and in helping dislocated workers pay for their health insurance or they are out of work.

What we are trying to accomplish here is a recognition of a fact that in recessions, unemployment lags on even well after recovery has taken place. In my home State of Wisconsin, we have an unemployment rate that is much higher than the national average. We have lost almost 50,000 jobs just in manufacturing in the State of Wisconsin. We are in trouble in the State

of Wisconsin, and we know that even though the Nation's economy may recover, we are still going to have a lot of layoffs, so that is why not just extending unemployment by 13 weeks, but allowing for those States that are still in trouble to extend it another 13 weeks beyond that.

Mr. Speaker, this is the right thing to do for our constituents. It is the right thing to do for the economy. It is common sense, and it is an appeal to the Members of the other body who want bipartisan success to get people back to work.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind Members that the Senate and the other body are one and the same.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH).

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Washington State for yielding me this time.

This debate has been very interesting indeed. In fact, one of my friends from Texas came down, and, talking about Valentine's Day, offered his own rhetorical version of a Saint Valentine's Day massacre of the facts as they exist.

You see, my friends, not once, not twice, but on three occasions now we have brought a package that the President requested. My friend from Kansas had the letter. The President asked not only for unemployment benefits but for health benefits.

We cannot control what others on this Hill may do, nor is that our mission. Our responsibility is to produce today the best legislation we can that provides unemployment benefits, with a trigger, in case tough times continue, as the President stipulated, which expands health benefits to get the help to the people my friend from California spoke so eloquently about, and deals with the very people my very good friend from Texas talked about when he engaged in Enronomics.

And, oh, by the way, with all the talk of campaign finances, perhaps it would do good for everyone to listen. From opensecrets.org, my good friend from Texas, who engaged in the rhetorical bloodbath about Enron, has taken in the past few cycles \$4,850 from Enron. Those are the facts. And perhaps with his former profession, this is the undeniable evidence and the rest of the story.

As our second President, John Adams said, facts are stubborn things. How ironic it is that those who engage in the rhetorical wailing and gnashing of teeth will do everything, throw up any obstruction, make any excuse, offer any argument, . . . to try to deny the unemployed help.

Support the rule.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I demand that the words of the gentleman from

Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the words.

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Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, if any of the words that I offered rendered some offense to anyone in this Chamber, I apologize and ask unanimous consent that they be stricken from the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the gentleman's words "arguments that they are, in fact, personally involved in, and up to their necks in" will be stricken.

There was no objection.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY).

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HINCHEY. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, this is not really an insult of me or to the House, but to the 11,000 workers added to the rolls every day who are going without unemployment insurance and whose needs are being deliberately neglected by this House, and who will not receive any assistance as a result of the gamesmanship happening here today.

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, there is nobody on this side of the aisle who believes that the extension of a mere 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefit is a comprehensive response to the present recession, but we do understand that it is an important part of any response, and we do understand, as my colleagues do, it is the only thing that we can do practically at this moment. We have a bill here in this House which extends 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits. We could pass that bill now.

But, Mr. Speaker, the majority side of the aisle will not put that bill on the floor. Instead, Members want to debate tax policy. We are happy to debate tax policy with the other side of the aisle. The other side of the aisle wants to pass a bill that will make it so that profitable corporations in America have no tax liability. They will pay no taxes to the Federal Treasury. Instead, that tax liability under the Republican proposal would inevitably be passed on to middle-income working people.

If my colleagues want to debate those kinds of issues, bring that bill to the floor. We are happy to debate it, but for God's sake, let us do the one thing we can do today to help the people that need help.

Every day 11,000 Americans exhaust their unemployment insurance benefits. We are leaving town today. The Speaker set the schedule. We are going on recess for 12 days. During that period of time, another 130,000 Americans will lose their unemployment insurance benefits. What are those Members